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of the Government. My question was about the criterion that the Government adopted for determining the fair price. Is it the capacity of the people to buy or some other consideration?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" 'Fair price' means a price which is neither low nor high."

Certificate-holders who pass out of Polytechnics.

* 5 *Q.*—SRI N. RAMAKRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether there is any machinery set up by the Government to find out if the certificate-holders of the various Polytechnics take up the trade in which they have obtained proficiency?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" No, Sir. There is no such machinery but, the Inspectors of Industrial Schools and the teaching staff in the Polytechnics are generally satisfied that the students who have completed their studies in the Certificate courses have taken up the trade in which they are trained."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Are these certificate-holders absorbed in Government service and are they given any preference?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" There is no preference. If there is a vacancy, their applications are considered along with the applications of others."

SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR :—" Sir, have the Government received any representations from certificate-holders to the effect that they could not get a job in the trade in which they have obtained proficiency?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" No, Sir, I do not think I have received any such representation at all."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" ఈ certificates ఉన్నవాళ్లను లేనివాళ్లను ఒకే విధంగా చూచినట్లయితే certificates ఇచ్చిన ప్రయోజనం ఏమిటి ? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The certificate-holders are given preference."

Water-supply Scheme for Turaiyur.

* 6 *Q.*—MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member, Sri P. Rangaswami Reddiar is not in his place. The question and answer will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI P. RANGASAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have been receiving representations from the public of Turaiyur for the provision of protected water-supply to the people;

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(*b*) whether the Turaiyur Panchayat Board has offered to contribute rupees one lakh and twenty-five thousand towards the water-supply scheme; and

(*c*) whether the Government have taken any action in the matter and, if so, the results thereof?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*b*) The panchayat board is reported to be in a position to meet the cost of the water-supply scheme.

" (*c*) The matter is under consideration."

Report regarding seasonal conditions in Malabar.

* 7 *Q*.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the latest report regarding drought conditions in Malabar was received by the Government;

(*b*) whether any and, if so, what remission of revenue has been granted so far and in which taluks; and

(*c*) whether scarcity or famine conditions prevail anywhere in Malabar?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) The last report regarding seasonal conditions in Malabar is dated 10th January 1953.

" (*b*) No remission on a special scale has been granted so far in any part of the district but the Collector has reported that ordinary seasonal remissions will be granted in deserving individual cases.

" (*c*) The answer is in the negative."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know whether the Collector has reported that there is widespread drought in Malabar and that the second crop has failed? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" No, Sir."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" From the question we find that the drought conditions have shifted from the Ceded Districts to Malabar. Is the Hon. Minister aware that in the course of shifting towards the South, the drought has affected Tamil Nad also? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I do not admit the first part of the question. No doubt, famine seems to have travelled from the Ceded Districts to the South."